

Price Of
Rice
Reduced

The Rice Controller announces that as from May 18 the retail price of ration rice will be reduced from 44 cents to 40 cents per catty.

This has been made possible by arrangements whereby Hong Kong has received a larger proportion of its international allocation than expected from the cheaper sources.

It is not possible to forecast how long this price can be maintained as allocations for the second half of the year have not yet been decided, but with stocks on hand and en route there should be no difficulty in maintaining it for at least four months.

As from the same date, the rice ration will be temporarily increased from 1 1/2 to 1 1/4 catties per five-day period and the flour ration correspondingly reduced from 1 to 1 1/4 catty per person.

On the basis of current stocks and shipments, it is estimated that the rice ration can be kept at this level for a minimum period of three months. Thereafter the ration will depend on the future allocations by the International Emergency Food Council.

STUDENTS STORM MINISTRY
Disorderly Scenes At Education Yuan In Nanking

Shanghai Strike
Spreading

Nanking, May 15.

More than 3,000 striking students of Government universities, as a result of an eight-hour demonstration today, during which cries of "why not stop the civil war" were raised, won an assurance from the Vice-Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, that their demands for an increased subsidy will be brought before the Executive Yuan at its next meeting.

Arriving at the Yuan, where they pasted slogans and cartoons on the walls, the students shouted for Premier Chang Chun and at first refused to accept the vice-premier as his representative. When Mr. Wang finally addressed them, he stated, firstly that he will be personally responsible for presenting their demands to the Executive Yuan at its session next Tuesday.

Secondly, he will recommend and personally support arrangements for granting the students a half-month advance of living allowance which will amount to

SHANGHAI BUDGET DEFICIT

Shanghai, May 15. The City Government announced today that the Municipality is facing a deficit of CN\$9,200,000,000 (a nearly US\$500,000 at blackmarket rate) in the budget of the current fiscal year.

Due to Government approval in an 85 per cent increase in salaries of civil servants.

This follows the decision of the City Council in reducing the budget from CN\$500,000,000 to CN\$240,000,000,000. —Associated Press.

Irgun Blows Up Trains

Jerusalem, May 15. Mines planted by the Jewish underground wrecked two Palestine trains today, killed two British officers, injured five others, damaged three bridges and disrupted transportation in the Holy Land.

Unexploded mines were discovered on rail lines in the Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv areas, officials said, and the same sources said a large-scale attack on the Palestine rail line had been timed on the assumption the UNO Assembly on Palestine would end last night. If such was the case, these sources said, the train mines may be the forerunner of renewed large-scale violence here.

The two British officers perished when a mine exploded as a bomb disposal squad was trying to deal with it on a track near Acre, scene of the mass prison break 10 days ago. Two other officers and a sapper were injured, one of them seriously. —Associated Press.

Army Camp Bombed

Jerusalem, May 15. Jewish extremists today hurled bombs into heavily-guarded Sarafand military base, east of Tel-Aviv, seriously wounding two British soldiers attending an open-air movie.

"Peace by this road will not come cheaply, but it is cheaper than shaking American assets in a worldwide maze of Magellan Lines," Mr. Wallace wrote.

"The time has come to approach the needs of the world from the standpoint of all humanity."

He said that over \$150,000,000 will be needed over the next 10 years to provide the world with capital for reconstruction and development.

Mr. Wallace said of the \$150,000,000 "about one-third is needed for Europe." He added:

"About half of the total will be raised locally, but America must supply the major portion of the capital imports of overseas nations because America, with close to 40 per cent of the world's productive capacity, is the only nation with the resources to spare for investment abroad."

He said that restoration of prewar living standards in Europe and Asia will require capital exports from America of \$5,000,000,000 annually for five years. He added that American capital exports of \$100,000,000,000, spent "over a generation," would be re-

"I Wound My Fingers Around Her Neck"

Nanking, May 15. Frank Alexander Harris, 21 years old, went on trial on Wednesday accused of picking up a servant girl on Guildford railway station on April 24, boarding a train with her and murdering her before they reached the next station.

The prosecutor, E. G. Robey, said that two passengers saw Harris and the victim, Miss Sheila Purcell, aged 21, sprawled on the floor of a third-class compartment. "What they actually had seen," he said, "was the crime being committed, unusual in a murder case."

Robey said that Harris made a statement to the police in which he claimed that he was indignant because another girl had failed to keep an appointment with him. He began to drink. Then Robey quoted Harris as saying:

"I was getting wild by this

political consultation conference of last year (which included the reorganisation of the army, and reorganisation of the government to include all political parties).

He added that he has drafted economic, political and military suggestions to facilitate the reopening of negotiations. However, he declined to reveal the details of his plan.

Mr. Chow expressed the hope that their recommendations can be thoroughly discussed in the next Legislative Yuan meeting.

The court was told that Miss Purcell had been stabbed six times with a switch blade. —United Press.

Wang Ching-wei's Approach To Japs

Tokyo, May 15. The late Wang Ching-wei, president of China under Japanese occupation, proposed the establishment of a new Chinese Government with himself as the head in a conversation with the then Premier, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, on June 10, 1938, a Japanese witness told the International Military Tribunal for the Far East here today.

Wang's conversations with Japanese leaders, including Hiranuma, and the then War Minister, Saito Itagaki — both among the defendants on trial on war crimes charges — were related by Tozo Shimizu, an interpreter for the Japanese Foreign Office, who was called from China especially for the occasion.

Shimizu said that Wang — who fled to Japan after several attempts were made on his life in China and died near Nagoya in 1944 — told Hiranuma that Japan had three alternatives in settling the war with China.

Firstly, break off negotiations with Chiang Kai-shek and deal with the "intelligent people out of office." Secondly, negotiate directly with Chiang Kai-shek. Thirdly, deal "with all people of every quarter who want peace between China and Japan, regardless of whether they are members of the Nationalist Government or non-government men, and irrespective of party or group."

Mediation Offer

In the event of the first being approved, Shimizu quoted Wang as saying: "Wang would not be able to make a public stand but would help 'behind the scenes.' In the second case, Wang offered to mediate between Chiang and the Japanese. "And if the third measure is adopted I should like to directly embark into a peace movement myself and become its central figure."

Shimizu quoted Hiranuma as encouraging Wang but remarking "This is a problem for China." He said Itagaki approved the establishment of a new government by Wang and they discussed the use of a flag similar to that of the Nationalists but with "Peace and Anti-Communism" inscribed on it. He said Wang also interviewed the late Prince Fumimaro Konoye, a suicide

(Answer in Page Ten)

Bevin Sounds Fateful Warning Of Future

London, May 15. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin warned today that no one could prophesy the future course of the world if the next Foreign Ministers conference in November fails.

He told a crowded House of Commons that he regarded the November conference in London as "probably the most vital in the world's history."

Opening the two-day foreign affairs debate Mr. Bevin said: "As the result of the Moscow conference we know what we have to face at the next Council of Foreign Ministers."

"If it is unduly delayed, then the difficulties will get worse instead of better. If so many of these issues — Germany, Austria and, in addition, relations between East and West — have not been brought to a much more satisfactory conclusion in November, then the London conference, no one can prophesy the course the world will take."

Most Vital

"I regard the London conference, with the issues clear before us, as probably the most vital in the world's history."

Mr. Bevin adopted an conciliatory attitude toward the rebel members of his party who have

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REPARATIONS FOR H.K.

Industrial plant and equipment valued at many thousands of pounds is expected to be delivered to Hong Kong from Japan within the next few months as part of the United Kingdom's reparation claim from that country.

The plant consists of laboratory equipment, machine tools, shipbuilding plant, thermal electric power plants, and certain chemical and heavy engineering plant. It will be sold here through the Government's Reparation Section according to the priority needs of local claimants at prices based on the present second-hand value of those materials. Proceeds of these sales will be credited to a common reparations pool.

An official of the Reparations Section said yesterday: "This transaction should enable many concerns in the Colony which are still awaiting rehabilitation to get started at somewhat less

expense than if they had to wait for material purchased through normal commercial channels."

"Any industrial concern in

Hong Kong requiring plant of

future likely to be available

in Japan and which sends a

statement of its requirements to the Government will, in ten days' time, be represented by a

team of technicians and officials

who are leaving for Japan

about May 26th to present the

Colony's needs for a proportionate share of the plant.

Other teams will be present at the conference to represent the various Allied nations that were concerned in the war against Japan."

Fair Bids

The allocation of this plant, said the official, is to be restricted to territories where losses of similar plant have been suffered and is for the primary purpose of facilitating industrial rehabilitation in these territories.

The submission of bids for plant will not commit applicants in any way pending the receipt of further information of conditions and suitability of the plant available from the team of representatives.

The official said yesterday: "As the requirements of Hong Kong will be considered by the Allied Allocating Authorities in Japan, in conjunction with other competing bids from other territories, however, it is important that bids should be fairly valued and should be restricted to items required to promote the further rehabilitation of the Colony."

at about 8.30 last night. She was rescued by a seaman of the boat and taken to Kowloon Hospital.

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May 15—Stage Club casting meeting, Cheung Club, 5.30 p.m.
May 16 and 17—"Shanshupoo Cocktail," KCC, 9 p.m.
May 17—China Emporium extraordinary meeting, 3 p.m.
May 21—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, Dodwells' Office, 11 a.m.
May 21—Sino-British Club, Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m. Speaker: C. H. Cheng, MA, in "China's Return As It Is."
May 24—H.K. & Yaumati Ferries, annual meeting, noon.
May 24-25 Whirlwind Race meeting.
May 25—H.K. Reality & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.
May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's offices, noon.
May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.
June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.

Kowloon Opium Raids

Another batch of opium peddlars and addicts were brought before the Kowloon Courts yesterday when fines ranging \$250 to \$15 were imposed.

Three raids conducted by a party of Police, under S. J. Morrison, on 47 Reclamation Street (first floor) and 219 and 221 Reclamation Street (first floors) on Wednesday resulted in Ho Tung, Fung Yoi, and Mak Cheong-lam, the respective keepers, being fined \$15 each by Mr. Latimer. An eviction order against Mak was also recommended by the Magistrate.

According to Inspector J. Green, Ho's divan took up half the floor and contained two beds. Two pipes, three lamps and 16 small pots of opium were seized during the raid.

Four beds, three pipes, four lamps and 12 small pots of opium were found in Fung's divan which occupied the whole floor. Mak's opium den also occupied the whole of the first floor, and in it were found three beds, two pipes, two lamps and 15 small pots of opium.

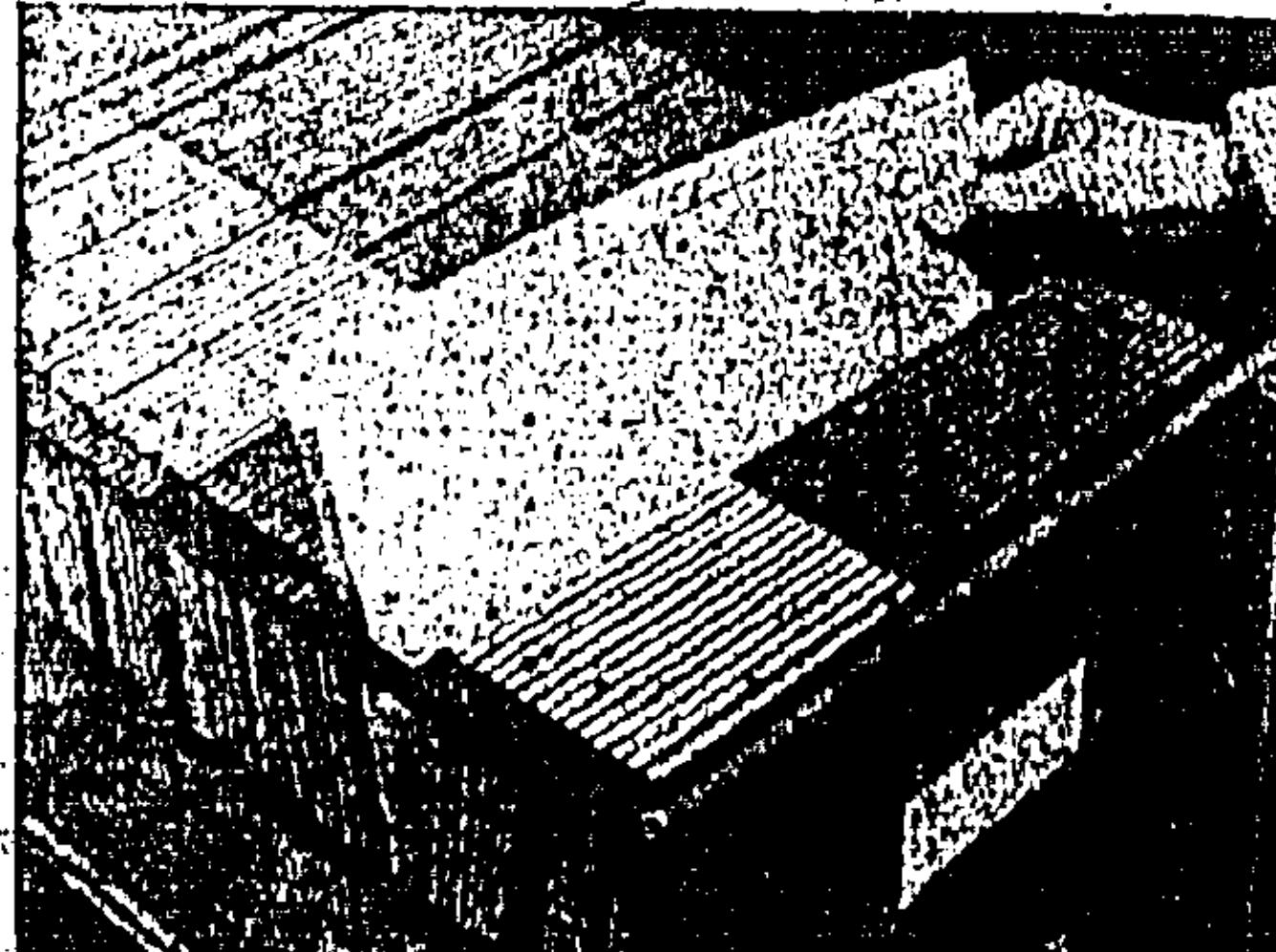
Of the 14 smokers arrested on the premises nine were each fined \$15 and the others, who were held in custody, \$10.

For keeping an opium divan at 2 Hong Lok Street, first floor, Chu Kai was fined a total of \$250 by Mr. Blair-Kerr, while the eight smokers arrested by DSI were fined \$15 each.

S. J. Walter Collins, prosecuting, stated that four pipes, eight lamps and 18 small pots of opium were seized during the raid.

The Railway Authorities announced that on and from May 16, First and Second Class accommodation will be available on all local trains except the Railbus.

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THE JOHNSTON CASE OPENS

Charge Of Broadcasting For Nazis Evidence Given By Germans

Speaking with a pronounced Midwestern accent and with an American turn of phrase, the former chief of the German propaganda broadcasting station XGRS in Shanghai, Carl Flikk-Steger, testified at committal proceedings at the Central Court yesterday against Frank Henry Johnston, charged under the Defence Regulations with having assisted the enemy as a radio announcer in Shanghai.

Steger told the Magistrate he had "put out a feeler" for Johnston while he was still employed before the outbreak of the Pacific War with an American Broadcasting Station in Shanghai and had paid him the unusually high salary for those times of U.S.\$50 a week. He had selected Johnston's radio name—"Pat Kelly"—Steger said.

In the course of his evidence, Steger recounted the themes of three radio plays in which, he alleged, Johnston took part. In one of these Johnston had played President Roosevelt, in another a disgruntled American merchant marine seaman, and in the third an American representative pacifying Stalin's second front demands, Steger said.

Committal proceedings are being taken by Mr. Sainsbury. The case for the prosecution is being presented by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Insp. MacAdie of the Special Branch. Johnston is not represented.

In his opening address, Mr. Lonsdale said, in part:—

News Broadcasts

"The facts in this case were that Johnston broadcast in the name of Pat Kelly over the German Radio Station in Shanghai. He commenced his employment with this station in about September, 1941, broadcasting the German news in English. The German news emanated at that time from the official German news agency, but later was added to by the receipt of the official Japanese news in 1942. His activities on the radio were extended to announcing anti-British slogans during the entertainment programme.

"In about September 1942, a series of political plays was commenced which were satire upon the Allied leaders and their conduct of the war. This programme continued, until about August 1943, when the persons responsible for producing the plays left for Tokyo. Thereafter, his duties were those of broadcasting the Official News. Commentators were paid more than news broadcasters and the accused submitted a number of commentaries to the station expounding the Axis point of view, but his English was not considered good enough to put him on the German in Shanghai.

Application For Passport

"The use of propaganda in warfare is obvious and propaganda which continually reiterates the futility of carrying on war and the inevitable success of one's enemy but have an effect on certain sections of the population of an Empire at war, and as such, the broadcasting of Johnston can only be considered as a series of actions which were likely to assist the enemy in their prosecution of the war; the natural and probable consequences of such broadcasting would be an assistance to the enemy and the presumption arises that Johnston did in fact intend to assist the enemy.

"Quite apart from this, there is other evidence of his intention and his endeavour to persuade another person to take up occupation with the German Radio Organisation; further, his endeavours to increase the scope of his work by broadcasting commentaries; and finally, and perhaps the most important, his offer of intelligence regarding the British Navy to the Germans—at a price of course—manifests clearly an intention to assist the enemy.

"I am producing also a number of documents, the signatures of which are all identified by a handwriting expert as the writing of Johnston; they have been compared with the documents to which a witness will speak as being signed by Johnston himself.

"The first of these documents is an application for a British Passport made by Johnston in 1938, stating himself to be a British subject at birth. This is a document which has been obtained from the Foreign Office in England.

"Secondly, I am producing a document signed by him explaining the recent loss of an earlier passport. You will see that the particulars with regard to both of these documents agree as to his birth in Shanghai, China, but in his application for a passport he writes that his father was born within His Majesty's Dominions, that is, in Ireland, in December 1908.

"Under the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1946, as amended by the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1947, as it extended to this Colony, Section 1 provides in effect that a person born in Shanghai whose father was a British subject is also a British subject.

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BOMB'S EFFECT ON SEEDS

TOKYO, May 14.
The atom bomb dropped on Nagasaki nearly two years ago has resulted in abnormal growth by more than 20 per cent of seeds planted in the centre of the bomb, blasted.

Radio-activity resulted in growth of double-headed plants, double bulb onions and deformed pumpkins.

Signified by him regarding a more efficient manner of dealing with Navy commentaries which also goes to show the intent with which he carried on his work of broadcasting.

German Witness

The first witness called was Carl Flikk-Steger who said that he was a German national living in the Kowloon Hotel while awaiting repatriation to Germany.

In March, 1941, the radio station XGRS in Shanghai was under the control of the German Government, Steger said.

"To all practical purposes I was the General Manager. It was my duty to recommend employments and dismissals. Johnston was employed on the staff. He began his engagement as a news commentator.

"It happened that I heard his voice on XMRA, which was an American station, in August, 1941, and I put out a feeler through a member of the staff of that station, whose name I cannot remember, now asking that Johnston should come to see me.

"He came to see me. I remember he asked for a pretty high salary for that time. I think it was fifty American dollars a week. I had to wait till the Embassy approved such a high salary before I employed him.

"I suggested that he use the name 'Pat Kelly' as he told me he was Irish. I remember he told me he was of Irish nationality and had an Irish passport. I never asked to see it and he did not show it to me.

"His broadcasts were prepared by Mr. Goldau and Mr. Hitzmeier, occasionally by me if either of the two was ill. In 1941 we used occasionally by me if either of the two was ill. In 1941 we used Domel until it was incorporated into the Central Press Service, the so-called 'Chinese' news agency at the time.

"Walla Walla"

"Johnston made several suggestions to us, among these a local broadcast which we called the 'Shanghai Walla Walla' and put on the air 15 minutes a day. This was prepared from the city pages of local newspapers. The script consisted of local press cuttings pasted together to give them continuous form. This began some three or four weeks after he began his work with us. These broadcasts started in October, 1941, and stopped in the spring of 1942 after an alteration with a dairy owner. Johnston attacked the price of milk and the owner came to the office and made an alteration over it. To prevent further trouble I stopped these broadcasts.

"Johnston received no further remuneration for this work as it was considered he was getting paid highly enough as it was. Later the broadcast was commercialised and sold to the Buyer Company, I think it was. When this happened there was the usual payment as common to these contracts and Johnston the usual slice out of it.

"In May, 1942, I received an order from the Embassy to cut down the budget and I had to cut his salary. He was reduced to the level of a staff announcer. He wanted to get into the commentator class as he submitted a couple of commentaries. They were political commentaries of the usual type he had been used to reading over the air. One of these concerned on Ibrahim's point of view. It belittled England's war effort and spoke of the possibility of resistance, following the usual line at the time.

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Beer Mugs Not Declared

Flines of \$40 each were imposed on three motor vessel owners when they appeared in Central Court before Mr. Sainsbury yesterday on charges of having assisted the enemy in Shanghai between May 20, 1943, and May 8, 1945, as a radio announcer with duties of broadcasting anti-Allied propaganda.

The charge is laid under the Defence Regulations. Gracie

selected to reserve his defence

and asked for copies of the prosecution witnesses' submissions.

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown

Counsel, assisted by Insp.

MacAdie (Special Branch),

conducted the case for the

prosecution.

The first witness called yesterday was Baron Jesso von Puttkamer, who said he was at

present detained at Victoria

Remand Prison. In March 1941

he was sent to Shanghai by a

branch of the Foreign Office in

Berlin, Puttkamer said. He went to Shanghai to establish there

the German Information Bureau

and to direct it. The department

was attached to the German Embassy.

"I came out with a radio engineer," Puttkamer said. "He was bringing with him parts to enlarge the local short-wave radio station from one kilowatt to 7½ kilowatt transmission.

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NOTICE is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 16th May 1947 to the 24th May 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.
HONGKONG, 10th May, 1947.

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NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th May 1947 to the 21st May 1947, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th May 1947 to the 21st May 1947, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Capital of the Company be increased to \$10,000,000, by the creation of One Million Two Hundred Thousand additional new shares of Five Dollars each to be issued at such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit."

By Order of the Board,
A. D. LEARMONT, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1947.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at 18 Pedder Street (1st floor) Hongkong on MONDAY the NINTH day of JUNE, 1947, at NOON, for the purpose of proposing and if thought fit passing the subjoined Resolution as a special resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Association be altered in the manner following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be cancelled.

(b) In the third line of Article 71 the word "two" shall be substituted for the word "three".

(c) The following Article shall be substituted for Article 76—76. Subject to any special terms as to voting upon which any shares of the Company may have been issued or may for the time being be held, upon a show of hands every member present in person shall have one vote, and upon a poll every member present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held by him."

These Tariffs will come into force as from June 1st 1947 and all rates of freight covered by the existing Tariffs will be withdrawn from that date.

Quotations of the revised freight rates may be obtained on application.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON
General Managers.

NOTICE

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JOHN D. ALEXANDER
Chairman.

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NO SEPARATE TREATIES

Washington, May 14.
The U.S. State Department
knows of no plan for the
United States to conclude
separate peace treaties with
Germany and Austria, a De-
partment spokesman said to-
day.

He made this statement when
questioned on the "Chicago
Tribune" report from
Washington that the "United
States is ready to proceed
unilaterally unless Russia
backs down from her position
during the recent Moscow
peace conference."—Reuter.

By Order of the Board,

LAU TAK PO,

Managing Director.

HONGKONG, 10th May, 1947.

LEPROSY IN BRITAIN?

London, May 14.

As a result of the return of
the British 14th Army from
Burma and prisoners of war
from the Far East, leprosy may
be seen again in Britain within
the next five years, according to
Dr. Gordon Ryrie, medical
secretary of the British Empire
Leprosy Relief Association.

Dr. Ryrie told a press con-
ference in London today that he
expected a temporary in-
crease of disease in this country
and cases would come to
light within the next five
years.

"At the present time," he
said, "there are insufficient ex-
perts to diagnose the symptoms
and there are many cases where
disease still incubating is not
yet apparent."

Dr. Ryrie added that he
thought that the number of
cases which would develop in
this country would not be less
than 30.

"There is no fear of infection
during the incubation period," he
said. "But the danger is that doctors in our
skin hospitals have so little ex-
perience of the disease that
they may not recognise it as
leprosy until it is well advan-
ced."—Reuter.

He objected that the terms
of reference for the Palestine
Inquiry Commission omitted
such words as peace, justice,
independence, political rights,
harmony and the like. He said
that to include religious inter-
ests in the terms and exclude

"INDEPENDENT PALESTINE," SUGGESTS RUSSIA

Flushing Meadows, N.Y., May 14.
The Soviet Union today urged the United Nations
to end the "bankrupt" British mandate in
Palestine and clear the way for an inde-
pendent Holy Land with equal rights for Arabs
and Jews.

The Soviet delegate, M. Gromyko, joining the
Arab states in the last-hour fight to force the
General Assembly to study the independence
issue, delivered a scathing attack on British
rule in Palestine.

Gromyko said:—

"Palestine is completely transformed into a police
state. Britain does not have the
confidence of the people of Palestine. Both Jews and
Arabs demand liquidation of the
mandate. It is one thing on which they do not differ."

He said he would favour the
partition of the Holy Land into
separate Arab and Jewish states
only if the United Nations investigation proved
that the two peoples could not live
together in peace.

A Jewish Agency spokesman
said they considered this state-
ment as a "major switch in Rus-
sian policy."

Iraq's Feedhi Jamali, leading
the attack, shouted "Stop the
invasion of Palestine!" He said
the Arab states would re-
serve the right not to be bound
by any decision the United Nations
may take regarding Palestine.

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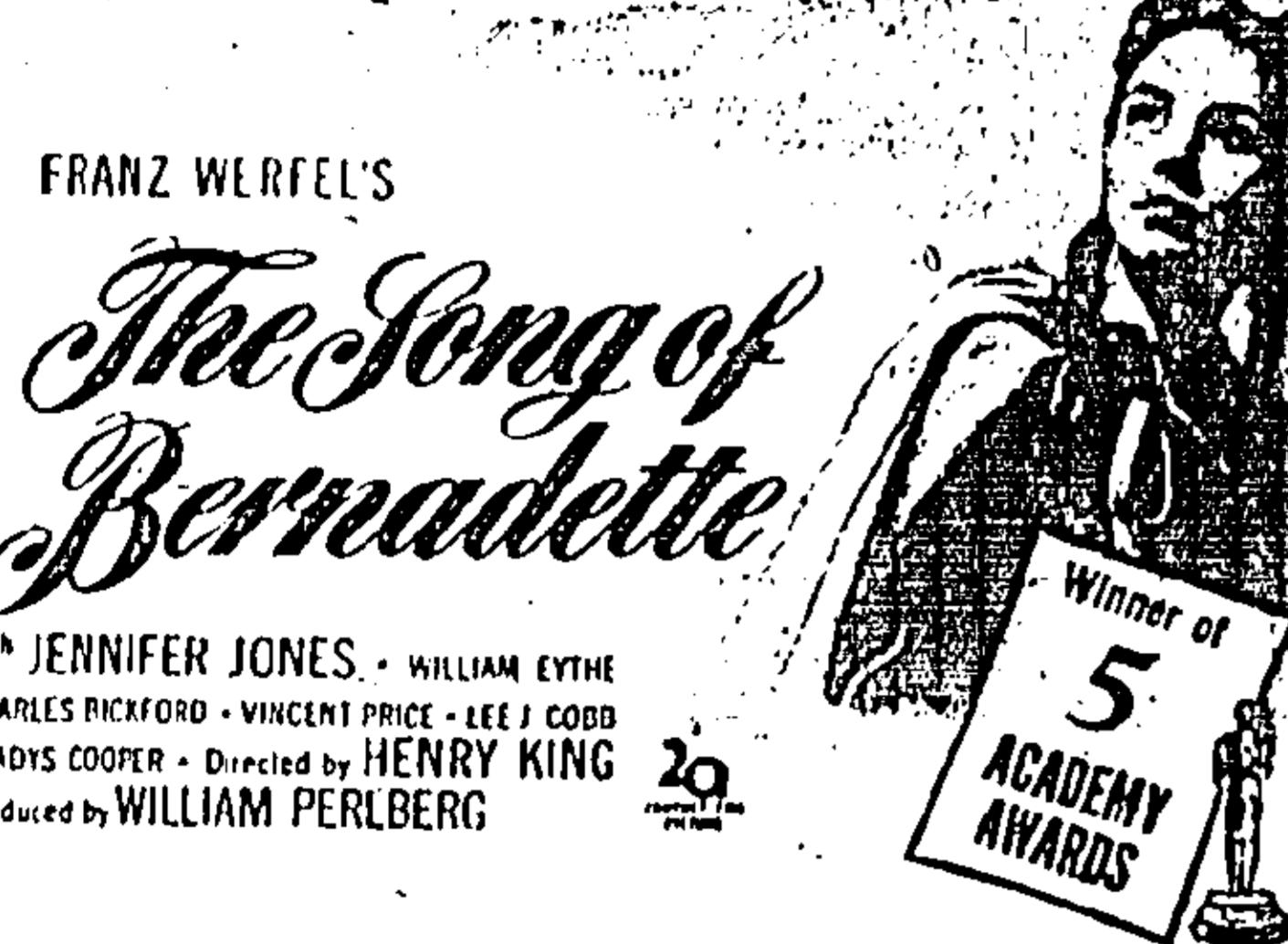
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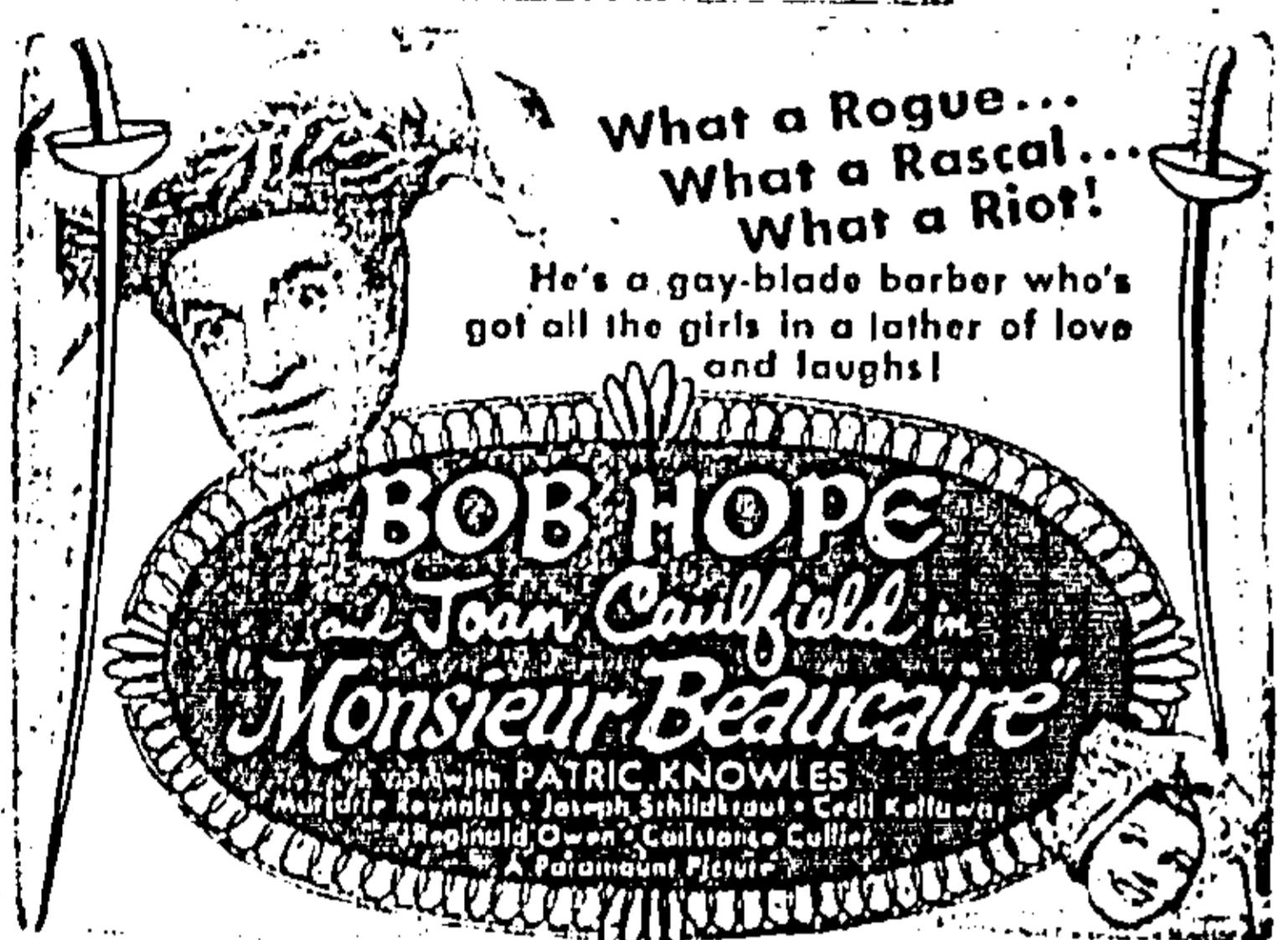
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Gaol TermsThey Chose
The Wrong
Buyer

Tsang Wing and Ho Foon, emerald coconuts, chose the wrong buyer for the three jacks which they obtained, they picked up at the Kowloon Godowns as they were leaving work on May 13. The result is that they have now to spend the next three weeks in Stanley Gaol.

The facts, as related to Mr. W. H. Latimer by Inspector J. Orcin at Kowloon yesterday, were that at 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday the two accused approached Chinese detective Wong Chun-muk outside the Hon Kee Garage at Wonsung Street and asked him if he wanted to purchase a jack.

Detective Wong asked the price and was told \$10. His interest was aroused and he inquired whether there were any more to be purchased at that price. The defendants replied in the affirmative, and first accused went to fetch the other jacks.

He returned about 20 minutes with the two jacks, one of which was of two ton capacity. Both men were exceedingly surprised when taken into custody by their prospective "customers."

The jacks were ordered by Mr. Latimer to be confiscated to the P.W.D., should no claim be made for them.

GRACIE
COMMITTED
TO SESSIONS

(Continue from Page 2)

for a Chinese station XG01 which was actually controlled by the Japanese.

"Then I was interned by the Japanese at Haiphong Road," Ladd continued. "Then I was taken to Bridge House. I was badly beaten and asked about the activities of XG01.

"I know the accused. I saw him in Haiphong Road Camp and was put in the same room with him. I was also in the same room with him after my return from Bridge House. Several months later Chisholm Brown, Gracie and myself were approached by a Japanese named Mitsuda of the Japanese Press Bureau and by another Japanese named Honda. An offer was made to me. Gracie approached me and told me he had also been interviewed and was offered a chance to be released.

"Gracie asked me my opinion of the matter. I advised him to go if he had contacts outside. I was thinking of getting in touch with my relatives outside the camp and of getting away from Shanghai. I did not tell Gracie to accept the offer or not to. I left it to his own decision. Several days later we were released.

"Gracie did not tell me any of the details of the interview. He told me none of the inmates at Haiphong Road would have much to do with him and he had a mind to get out. When I left the Camp I went back to the station and looked after musical records. I was released on condition I did broadcasting work.

"I was approached later to write commentaries on the world situation and I refused. I went to the Swiss Consulate and asked them to assist me to get back to Camp. I was eventually permitted to go back there. I suffered no ill-treatment as a result of this decision."

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GET ME OUT
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OUT THERE
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I LIKE EXERCISING
IN THE SNOW, TOO!
THAT'S WHY I LIVE
ON THE TOP FLOOR.

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Described by the Magistrate as "charlatans who, there is no doubt about it, perpetrated a frightful swindle" by stimulating "from time to time the unwary who fell into their clutches by feats of sleight-of-hand and, in this way, kept up to the pitch where they were willing and eager to part with their savings," Wong Tak (alias Wong Chuen-yan) and Ting Kin-kwan (alias Wong Sang) were yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer to one year's hard labour, and nine months' hard labour respectively.

First accused was found guilty on two charges of obtaining money by false pretences and three of conspiracy for which he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment on each charge. He was also convicted on the charge of fortune-telling, for which he received a sentence of three months' hard labour. All sentences are to run concurrently.

Second defendant was convicted on three counts of obtaining money by false pretences and three of conspiracy, and sentenced to nine months' penal servitude on each. An additional three months was passed on the fortune-telling charge. All sentences to be concurrent.

Abundant Proof

Both defendants were recommended to be banished for the protection of the people in this Colony, after they have served their sentences which are to date from April 12—the date of their arrest.

Delivering judgment, His Worship said:

"Throughout the hearing of evidence in this case there have been statements made concerning the allegations by the first accused of supernatural powers. When giving evidence himself, the first accused made no claim whatsoever to the possession of any supernatural powers but only that he was instructed in fortune-telling and dealt in charms.

"There is abundant proof that a system was employed by both the accused with the object of mauling as much money as possible from the credulous and that the means employed in each of the charges before the Court was similar in character.

"The pretence that the first accused was a holy man from Lo Fu Mountain is false and so acknowledged by him. The unwary who fell into the clutches of these charlatans were stimulated from time to time by feats of sleight-of-hand and in this way kept up to the pitch where they were willing and eager to part with their savings.

Moving Spirit

"There is no evidence to support the statements of the first accused that sums given him for carrying out religious ceremonies were ever so employed or that he did perform such ceremonies.

"I find the first accused guilty of two charges of obtaining money by false pretence, three charges of conspiracy, and the charge of fortune-telling.

"I find the second accused guilty of three charges of obtaining money by false pretence, three charges of conspiracy, and the charge of fortune-telling.

Defendant was fined the maximum of \$250 on each of two summonses for storing 2,014 gallons of petrol outside the open pit on the Crown Land occupied by his garage at Ma Tau Wei Road, and for storing 2,863 gallons of petrol.

It was alleged by D.O. Brooks that defendant had been warned several times during the past seven months, and that he had been summoned three times.

Defendant claimed that he had submitted (through his architect) an application for the building of a store on the land and that the application was refused. He had submitted

Bought
Mauser In
Germany

"The possession of arms without a licence is a very serious offence in the Colony, but in view of the fact that the Police are asking for only a very small fine and are not applying for the confiscation of the pistol I am going to impose only a small fine on you."

The above was addressed by Mr. W. H. Latimer to Koy Yee-wing, 41, an American citizen, and veteran of World War II who pleaded guilty to the possession of a German "Mauser" pistol at the K.C.R. Station at 10.30 a.m. on May 14.

Defendant, who had lived in the United States for about 39 years and who joined the U.S. Army on April 3, 1944, served in England and landed in Germany with the 9th U.S. Army. He purchased the pistol in Germany and was granted a certificate for its possession.

DSI W. J. Wall, who prosecuted, stated that defendant arrived in Hong Kong on May 13 by the ss "Marine Lynx" and stayed the night at the Hotel Nathan. The following morning he went to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station to board a train for Canton.

At the Chinese Customs barrier he was asked whether he had anything to declare, and replied that he had a pistol but no ammunition. Defendant, continued DSI Wall, was handed over to S/I H. C. Timms and brought to the Water Police.

The Police, added DSI Wall, were only asking for a small fine and the custody of the pistol until Koy returns to America.

Defendant was fined \$50. The necessary order for the temporary custody of the pistol was made.

"Cossack"
Rescues A
Tanker

HMS "Cossack," which sailed for Singapore from Hong Kong on Sunday, made a surprise return to Hong Kong Wednesday night with a former Japanese tanker, the 1,000-ton "Ta Tung," in tow.

"Cossack's" return marks the third time the British destroyer has unsuccessfully attempted to reach Singapore from Hong Kong.

Members of her crew have dubbed the 1,000-ton warship the "Singapore Jinx Ship."

After one day at sea, "Cossack" picked up a distress signal from the "Ta Tung." In a heavy rain and wind storm, the destroyer managed to take in tow the wallowing tanker.

HMS "Cossack" left at 6 p.m. yesterday for the fourth time for Singapore. Captain Guy Sayer is in command. United Press.

another application which is still under consideration.

He further said that he was under contract to the Military Authorities for the supply of petrol and the garaging of army lorries. He claimed that the petrol arrived at his garage in a lorry and was transferred from the lorry to Army vehicles for transporting to Sun Wai Camp.

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WESTMINSTER REVIEW

By Dick Turner



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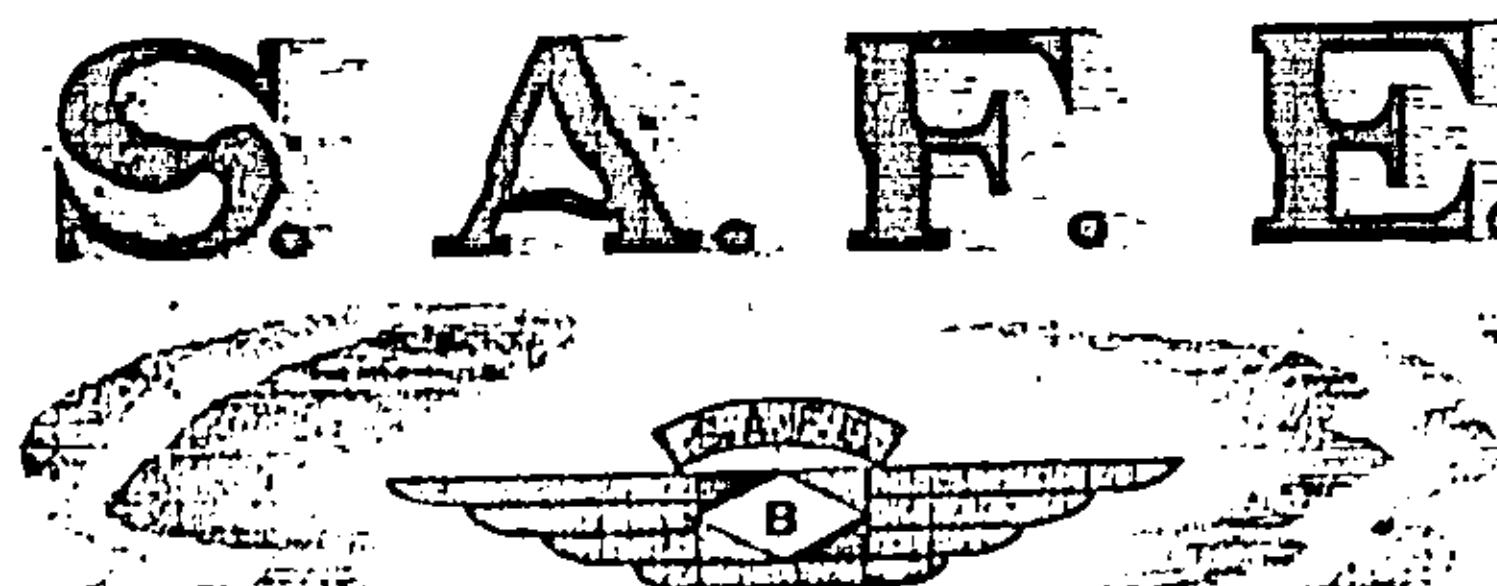
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DEATH

ROZA—On Thursday, May 8, 1937, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Amanda Maria Noronha da Roza (Dandy) aged 83 years, the dearly beloved mother of Oscar, Delphina and Amelia.

CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM

One might almost imagine, judging by the length of time occupied by the Colonial Office in examination of the plan for a Municipal Council and other constitutional reforms in Hong Kong, that the issues involved were as momentous as the transfer of power in India. In point of fact, it is very much a preliminary phase of public management that is being conferred, and over meticulous attention to the minutiae of draftsmanship—for that is apparently what is happening—might in these troublous times be energy devoted to matters of greater moment. No-one will regret the delay in presentation of the final scheme more than His Excellency Sir Mark Young, who must have entertained a keen desire to announce the satisfactory completion of the most important task of his last year as Governor, prior to his departure. In this, it seems, His Excellency is to be disappointed. There is, indeed, no real indication as to when the detailed scheme will be returned from London carrying the approval and endorsement of the Colonial Office, and the expectation that it would be possible to hold the first elections in the early autumn may not now be realised. Much preparatory work in Hong Kong will be required, principal among it being the completion of the registers of voters in the different wards or districts. Some indication that the Colonial Office may, soon, make up its mind is perhaps to be found in the statement in Parliament yesterday announcing the broad outline of the constitution for the Legislative Council of Singapore. Such a body is, of course, new to Singapore, and is required by the creation of the Malayan Union which sets up Singapore as an entity separated from Kuala Lumpur, except insofar as the Governor-General exercises prerogatives over the heads of the Governor of Singapore and the Governor of Malaya. The points of key interest in the Singapore plan are (a) that the communal basis of elections has been rejected and (b) that of nine elected Unofficials, six are to be chosen by popular ballot, and three by the Chambers of Commerce. Over and above these, the Governor has the power to nominate four additional Unofficial members, the object being to secure adequate representation of all interests, a result which obviously would not necessarily be achieved by popular ballot. It will not fail to be noted in Hong Kong that Singapore, starting with an entirely clean slate, is conceded a substantial Unofficial majority, 13 to 9, while the Legislative Council plan envisaged by the Governor of Hong Kong provides for seven Officials and eight Unofficials. The underlying objective here has never been quite clear. Such a constitution would, of course, preserve to the Governor the privilege of a casting vote which could be decisive, but as the right of veto remains to His Excellency, the precaution, if such it is, surely is needless. The Singapore plan has decided merits by comparison. The substance as well as the shadow of Unofficial control of legislative decisions is provided, and as there is a fairly close resemblance between Hong Kong and Singapore, politically, the reason for a less favourable response to this Colony's urge towards a more democratic administrative system is not immediately apparent. It may be, of course, that we have blamed the Colonial Office unduly, and that the delay in reaching decisions has arisen from the will to make the more generous offer inherent in the Singapore plan. In that case, the hold-up will be considered as having been well worth while.

THE BATTLE OVER
CONSCRIPTIONBy
ROY CARLETON

It is now possible to trace something of the how and why of the sudden decision to reduce the period of compulsory service from eighteen months to twelve months and to anticipate some of the coming moves.

First of all, the lobby verdict on National Service Bill administered a reverse jolt to Government because they felt conscription interfered too much with the industrial and food production power problem.

On this point it would appear that even before the Bill was introduced the Cabinet had not been completely unanimous for both George Isaacs (Minister of Labour) and Mr. Tom Williams as Minister of Agriculture had not been happy over losing so many young men to the Forces when industry and the land both needed them so much.

True such a trimming of the conscription policy would not placate the Pacific group of MPs but their numbers would not prove too worry-

ing in the division lobbies if they could be separated from the other sections.

Service Decision

Parliamentary tacticians therefore urged further exploration of the question whether the suggested reduction in the length of compulsory service was practical.

So the Chiefs of the three Services were instructed to weigh it all up. They worked solidly through that night and next day told the Defence Committee that a reduction to twelve months would be accepted if certain conditions could be assumed to operate.

The first consideration was whether the immediate danger had passed there were ample opportunities for further crisis situations when the National Service Bill was passing through its Committee Stages. So they searched for a door of escape and decided they had found it in the suggestion thrown out during the Commons debate by Mr. Crossman.

"Heaven-Sent"

Mr. Crossman is the leader of the section of the Labour Party which is mostly keeply critical of the Bevin foreign policy. He has an influential group behind him and though he voted in the Government lobby on the National Service Bill, he made it clear he would not support it in Committee if there was any tendency to use the armed forces to bolster up foreign adventuring.

To reinforce this idea, he suggested cutting the length of conscript service down to twelve months.

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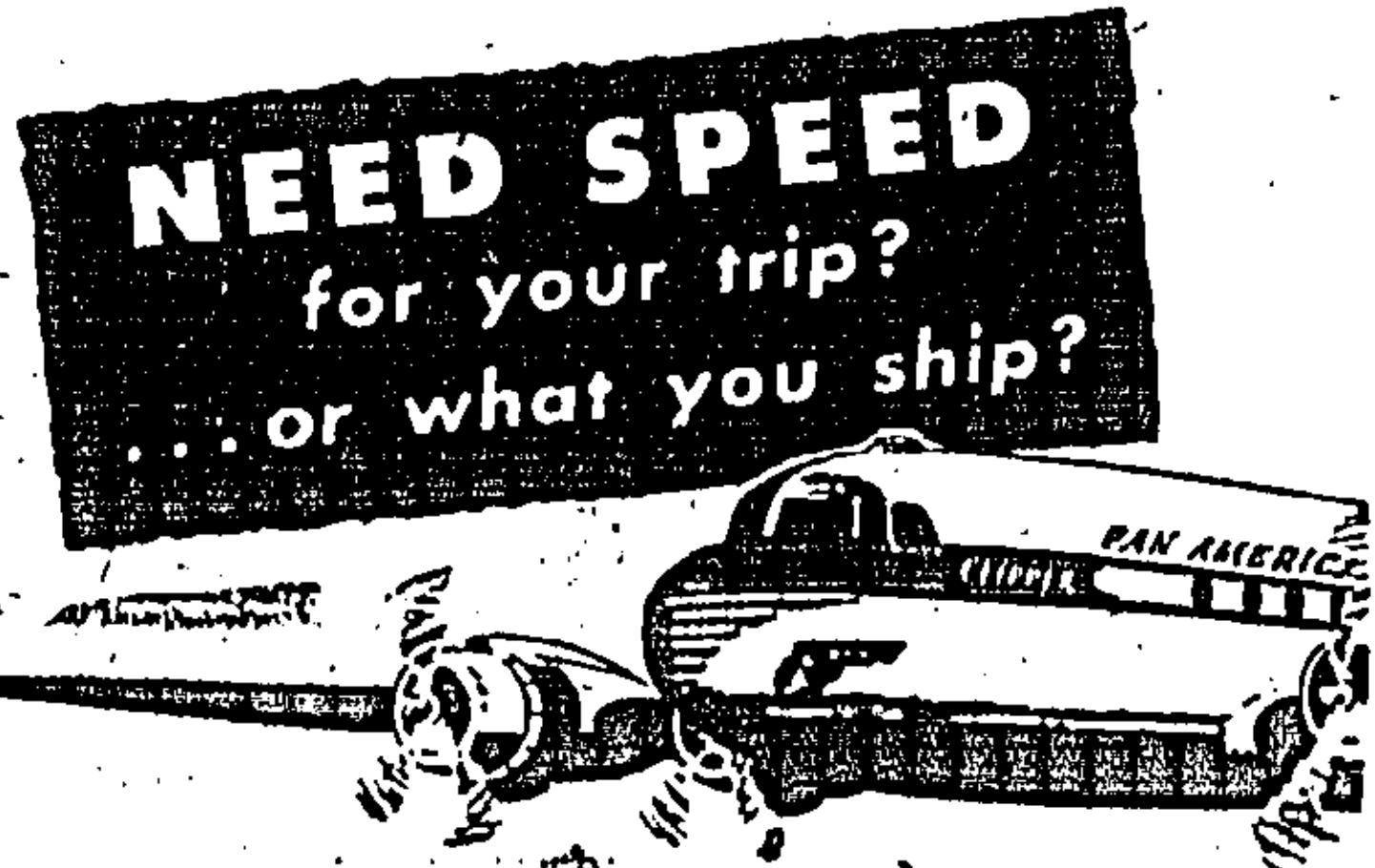
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Cunningham Deplores At-Bombs

Leeds, May 14.

Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham, First Sea Lord at the time of Nagasaki and Hiroshima, said today that he had always regretted the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan.

Lord Cunningham conceded that the bombs "perhaps shortened the war by two or three months," but said he was convinced that Japan would have surrendered unconditionally anyway within a very short time.

"The result of the dropping of these bombs on Japan," he said, "has been that the incalculable benefit which atomic energy may confer upon mankind for the ordinary man has been obscured by the possibility of its use as a weapon."

Admiral Cunningham, who stepped down as First Sea Lord in June, 1946, spoke on the occasion of his being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Leeds University. He acknowledged the bomb as the greatest achievement of science during the war, but said military people "had not much cause for satisfaction that atomic energy was produced as a weapon."

"Appalling"

He said he did not "entirely hold the view that war under atomic conditions would necessarily mean the end of civilization, but under continual threat of a sudden atomic attack, even if there is no war, the possibility of atomic attack is perfectly appalling."

He said that although he had hoped the bomb would be outlawed, "the outlook at the moment is distinctly unpromising."—United Press.

War Brides Facing Deportation

Honolulu, May 14.

War brides of two Honolulu veterans faced deportation today because they lacked the required racial mixture of 50 per cent from "eligible" races.

Robert Hogan, deputy territorial attorney-general for Veterans Affairs, said both cases have been referred to the attorney of the Territorial Government, and of delegate Joseph Fanning, who is pushing legislation to liberalize the immigration laws which ban most Asiatic and Pacific island races from United States citizenship.

Hogan said Immigration officers ruled Mrs. Gilbert Diaz, 18, mother of a two-weeks old son, and Mrs. William White, 24, both must leave.

Mrs. Diaz, a native of Fiji islands, is one-quarter British and the remainder Polynesian. She was a Government typist in Fiji during the war.

Mrs. White, a native of Samoa and half British and half Samoan, has been a resident of Auckland, New Zealand, since she was 12 years old. Both met their husbands while the latter served overseas as Army other ranks.—United Press.

Red Scare Now In Australia?

Canberra, May 13.

Dr. Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister of External Affairs, told the executive of the Australian Labour Party that "a source outside Australia" was conducting what amounted to political warfare against the Commonwealth.

He called upon the Labour movement to fight it unitedly. "Union threats to blacklist the rocket experiments were planned and directed by an 'easily identifiable' source outside Australia," he said.

"The Party must declare its uncompromising hostility to groups which have been sabotaging Australian economy and are now seeking to attack in the interests of a foreign power, the British Australian experiments for the defensive use of rocket projectiles," he concluded.—Reuter.

Rocket Test Range Opposition

Canberra, May 14. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, when he addressed delegates of the Australia Labour Party Executive last night, left them in no doubt that Soviet inspiration is behind the threatened "black ban" by building unions on the project for a rocket test range in Australia.

Dr. Evatt told the conference: "The Communists have developed the technique of using unions to declare war on the Government's constituted authority. This cannot be tolerated."

Dr. Evatt added that the fact that Australia's defence as well as the British Empire's defence was involved made it a matter of the highest possible concern.

The Executive President, who is an Englishman, Mr. McAlpine, said: "The Executive is completely at one with the Government in this matter." As a result of Dr. Evatt's revelation of Soviet inspiration behind the proposed ban on work on the rocket range, the Labour Party Federal Executive decided to declare war on the Communist Party's influence in the Trade Union movement.

The delegates forecast dramatic legal action on the Government if the Communists persist in the black ban.

The Communists officially disavow responsibility for the ban but labour delegates are not impressed. The war is to be carried by the Labour Government right into the Communist camp, in its desire to root out Communist influence.

Later, Dr. Evatt informed the House of Representatives: "I have told the Australian Labour Party Executive that my opinion is that the objection to building a rocket range is not the concern for abortions; it is part of a plan to prevent the project being operated at all."

He said that although he had hoped the bomb would be outlawed, "the outlook at the moment is distinctly unpromising."—United Press.

"Serious Matter"

"I said that the pamphlet circulated in Australia by the Communist Party clearly showed objection to the defence proposals. This is a very serious matter."

"The Communist pamphlet completely misstated the Government's view. The rocket range project is not directed to any aggressive action by Australia but is simply for the defence of the British Commonwealth. The criticism of the building of the range is not justified."

The Australian Labour Party Executive passed a resolution stating that they congratulated Dr. Evatt "on the firm stand by Government against the rocket range black ban threat."

"It is an apparent propaganda of the Communists and is for the sole purpose of defeating Australia's defence policy in the interests of a foreign power."—Reuter.

London, May 14. Exchange Telegraph reports from Lisbon that Arthur Neive, chief of the Brazilian immigration department, left for Rio de Janeiro today after selecting 6,000 displaced Europeans for admission to Brazil.—United Press.

German Air Losses Over Britain, 1940

London, May 15. The Government scaled down on Wednesday the estimates of German air losses in the battle of Britain but declared that the revised figures did not detract from the glory of the Royal Air Force victory.

Between July 10, 1940, when the action began, and October 31, 1940, when the Germans broke it off, the R.A.F. had estimated that 2,002 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

German records, the Secretary of State for Air, Philip Noel Baker, told the House of Commons showed in fact that 2,376 enemy aircraft had been put out of action. Of that number, 1,733 were destroyed and 643 damaged.

"This retrospective correction of claims which were honestly put forward," Noel Baker declared, "does nothing to diminish the achievements of the R.A.F. in the battle of Britain which was less continuous and intense." Noel Baker said, "the losses actually inflicted on the enemy were higher than the numbers claimed by the R.A.F."

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Food To Be Rushed To Germany

Washington, May 14. Alarmed by spreading unrest and food strikes in Western Germany, the War Department announces emergency measures to rush more than 1,200,000 tons of food into the American and British occupation zones by July 31 to meet the crisis.

The Secretary of War, Mr. Patterson, said regularly scheduled food shipments to Germany were being speeded up and increased to the maximum extent possible to cope with the situation.

The Army Chief of Staff told a press conference that he had picked three officers from the Army ground and Air Forces to explore new military ways opened up by the development of atomic energy and to give him "educated" guidance on what war will be like 25 years from now.—United Press.

Cause

The Secretary said that the present shortage was caused primarily by the continent's worst winter in almost 50 years, with the resultant natural loss of almost 200,000 tons of food crops.

"This is the first time I know of in history in which the conquerors made an effort, on any such scale, to feed the defeated enemy," Mr. Patterson said, "and the fact that there is not actual starvation in Germany is due only to the tremendous productivity of the United States and the willingness and efforts of our Government and the British to help."—United Press.

ITALIAN MISSION IN U.S.

New York, May 13.

An Italian Mission, headed by Signor Lombardo, arrived in Washington today for a series of important conferences with United States economists on financial matters. The Mission, which has come primarily to negotiate a trade agreement aimed at bettering imports and exports between Italy and the United States, will also attempt to iron out financial questions left unsolved by the Italian peace treaty.—Reuter.

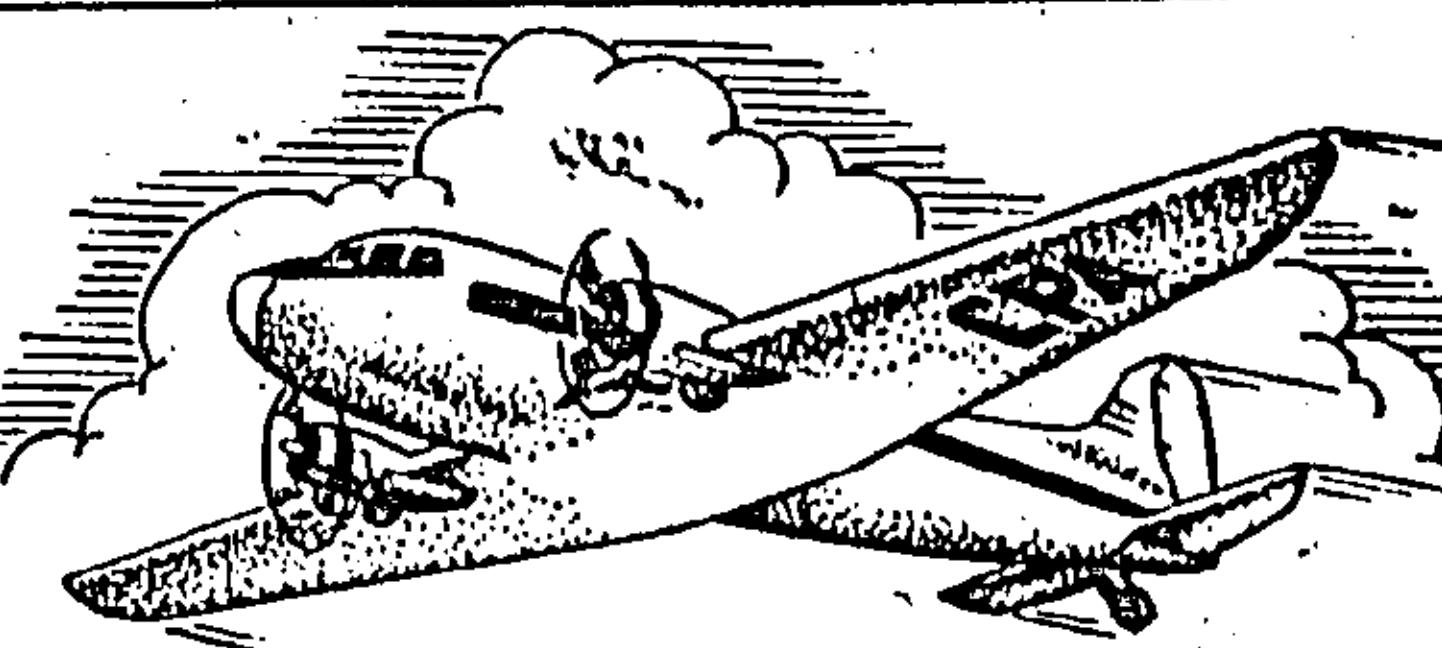
FOOD CRISIS IN W. GERMANY

London, May 14. Britain's five top administrators in Germany, at a two-hour conference today gave the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, an up-to-date report on the food crisis in Western Germany and their recommendations for overcoming it. London newspapers speculated that the conference might lead Britain to send an appeal to the United States to push emergency grain shipments to Western Germany.

The Foreign Office spokesman, who attended the conference, said Mr. Bevin probably would review results in broad outline in his speech in the House of Commons on Germany and the Moscow conference. Until then, the spokesman said, nothing would be disclosed regarding the results of the meeting.

He described the German food crisis as "very gloomy" and a "difficult situation."

Most British morning newspapers briefly quoted officials in Anglo-American food head-



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PHILOSOPHY ON TEST

Washington, May 14.

President Truman's economic programme of "free and competitive enterprise" faces a sharp test in the next three months, with his political fortune likely to be influenced by the volume of national industrial production in a period of labour unrest.

The "free enterprise" philosophy, which has been widely promulgated since the Republicans won the congressional elections last November, has emphasised the idea that high production, with abundant supplies of marketable merchandise, would gradually correct the upward trend of the general price level and thus bring a relative stability in labour-management relations.

Industrial peace and expanding production over the year-end inspired optimism concerning the future trend of national business which recently had been impaired by 1. the upward trend of the cost of living; 2. a coal industry "safety-shutdown" and telephone strike; and 3. uneasiness concerning the labour situation in the steel industry, where labour-management relations will arrive at a critical stage shortly.

The officers of Price Controls and the Civilian Production Administration are in process of liquidation, with remaining functions soon to be absorbed by other governmental agencies. The Government already has abrogated much of its wartime authority for the "control" of the nation's business, and President Truman has called on

business to support "free enterprise" by price cuts.

The United States demonstrated a tremendous capacity for industrial capacity in wartime, and the public looks to industry to accomplish similar feats in peace-time. In the years of Roosevelt's "New Deal," the economic effort was chiefly to expand purchasing power, but at present the transpiring interest of the economists is in the production situation.

Corrective

With the Government increasingly "out of business," the relation of supply and demand in the free play of the markets is the chief determinant of prices, and expanding production is conceived to be the chief corrective in the upward trend of the price level.

President Truman in his Jefferson Day address defended the system of free and competitive economy as follows:

"In so far as we insure that each individual has the opportunity and inducement to make the largest contribution he can to this country's total production, we not only strengthen our nation against any possible encroachments, but we also set an example to all other peoples of the desirability of free government in the economic as well as the political sense."

The "Survey of Current Business" journal of the United States Department of Commerce, said that the upward movement of prices which followed the lifting of price controls was the sharpest for any equal period in this country's history.

The wholesale price index (with 1926 prices as 100) stood at 105.7 on VJ Day, August 1945; at 124.7 in July 1946; and at 141.5 in January 1947. From June 1946 to January 1947, wholesale prices on average increased 25 per cent while consumer goods rose 15 per cent.

Short Supplies

A basic factor contributing to the upward price movement has been the short supplies of many goods relative to demand, partly because the flow of finished goods has been low as a result of considerable additions to inventories.

"Output has not yet been balanced, nor have recent additions to capacity been fully reflected in the flow of goods, but progress is evident in the steadily rising movement of finished goods through trade channels."

Despite the uneasiness caused by industrial unrest, the latest statistics indicate many basic improvements in the production situation.—United Press.

Deflation Plan in
Portugal

Lisbon, May 14.

The first sharp attack in the Government's offensive against the rising cost of living has been announced by Economy Minister Daniel Vieira Barbosa, who told a press conference of the new steps to create a "psychology" of deflation.

"All requests to increase costs of consumer goods are refused automatically," he said. "The only price revision considered is for decreases. Orders looking toward a general revision downward have been issued. They almost certainly will cause considerable business hardship at first."

"I am sure that the nation shortly will be convinced of the effectiveness of these measures. I intend to create a 'psychology' of price decreases which I hope will pervade our entire economic life."

Urgent Step

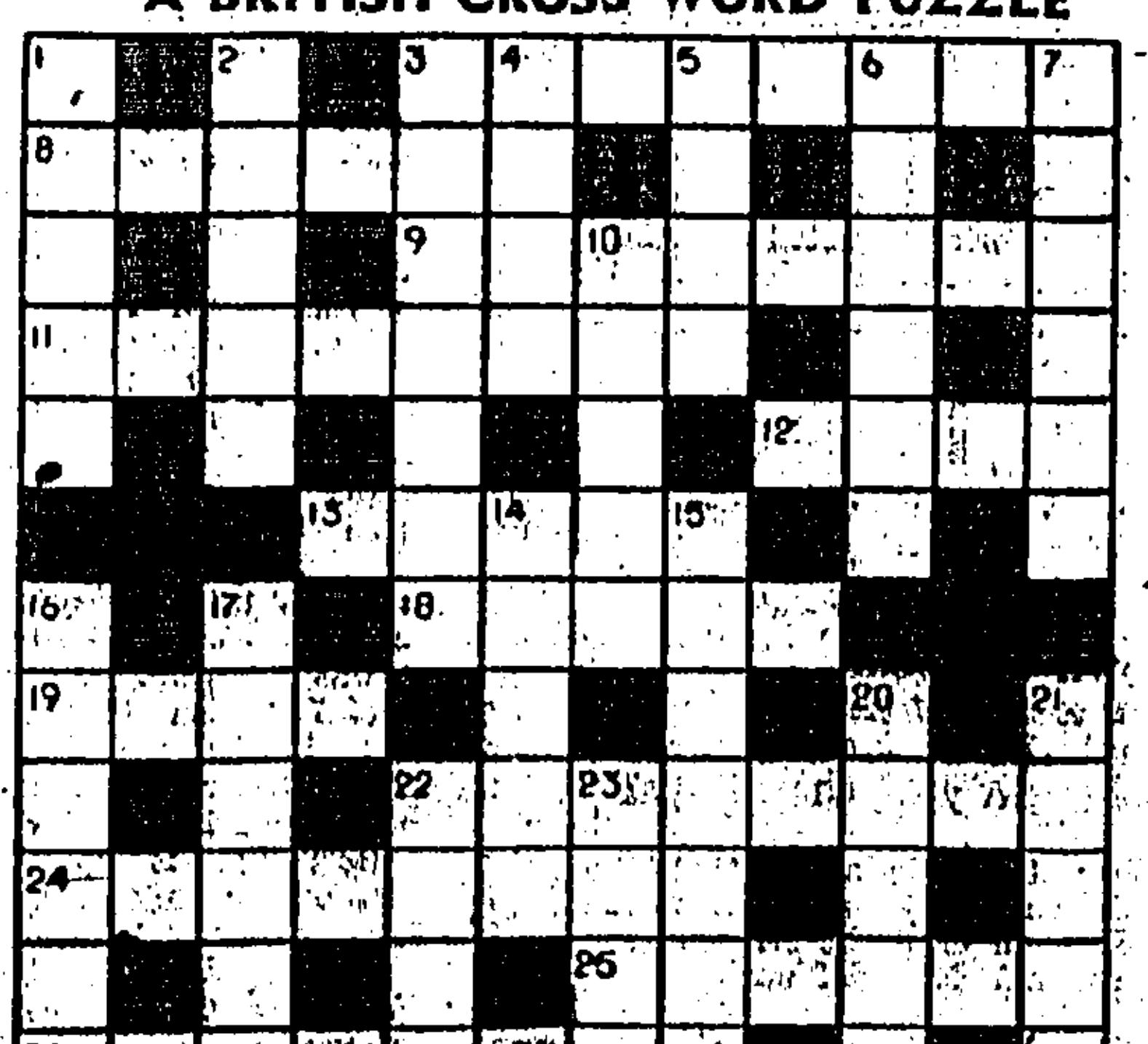
Among the concrete measures

announced by the Minister were decreases in the price of petrol and the end of restrictions on consumption of electricity during the summer months.

Barbosa said public fish sales would be free of tax.

He said the black market would be ended and goods and food now under Government control would be "liberated" item by item. His statement caused considerable optimism in Portugal, which had been bitten hard by Europe-wide shortages.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



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- Takes cover.
- Get away.
- Trick.
- Recomm-
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- Run before
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- Automaton.
- Acres.
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London, May 14.

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"PAKHAI"	Shanghai & Hangchow 4 p.m.	22nd May
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Singapore's New Body

London, May 14. The British Government "have given careful consideration" to the report of the Committee appointed by the Governor of Singapore in April 1946 to consider the question of a Legislative Council for the Colony of Singapore, also to the Governor's own recommendations, it was announced in the House of Commons today.

The statement was in the form of a written reply to a question by Mr. David Rees Williams, Labour Member.

In his reply, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said that the following principal decisions have now been reached:

1. The Council will have an unofficial majority. There will be four ex-officio members and five nominated official members.

2. On the official side there will be nine elected members; six of these will be elected by a popular ballot of registered voters (British subjects over the age of 21), without property or literacy stipulations.

3. For this purpose the Island of Singapore will be divided into four electoral districts, two urban districts each returning two members and two rural districts each returning one member. The remaining three elected members will be elected by the chambers of commerce.

4. In addition the Governor will have discretion to select not more than four nominated unofficial members.

The Singapore Order-in-Council of 1946 provides for a maximum of two such members, but since the communal basis for elections to the council has been rejected, it is necessary to increase this maximum in the interests of any section of the community who might otherwise have been represented inadequately or not at all.

These decisions have been published locally and the Council will have to be set up as soon as possible.—Reuter.

The story was printed only in the first edition and withdrawn without explanation. At the same time the British Press Association's court correspondent reported that the princess had no intention of setting up an independent household—Elizabeth's coming of age doubtless will mean an enlargement of her personal freedom generally and it was stated authoritatively weeks ago that her apartments in Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle would be enlarged in keeping with her new responsibilities.

All else, in the official view, is set down to what is described as an inevitable flood of rumours following the celebration of her 21st birthday.—Associated Press.

TAIYUAN'S DEFENCE

London, May 14. The security of Taiyuan is of national importance and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will surely take steps to meet the situation. General Fu Tsao-ji, regarded as one of the Government's most able field commanders, told reporters on arrival in Taiyuan to aid in the defence of the threatened Shanxi provincial capital.

He expressed confidence that the Communist attempt to capture the city would be frustrated.—Reuter.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel, (Wednesday, 15th May), G. Ward, G. M. Moulton, W. W. Zarrow, Frank J. Moore, Miss Sara E. O'Connell, T. Mallon, K. W. Yu, and E. M. Allison.

Peninsula Hotel, (Wednesday, 22nd May), G. W. A. Wood, E. V. Jenkins, G. W. A. Akington, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Moore.

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Korean Discussions To Begin Again

Washington, May 13.

The Secretary of State, General George Marshall, is instructing the United States commander in Korea to make immediate preparations for the reconvening of the United States-Soviet Commission at Seoul in an effort to arrive at a basis for the unification of Korea.

According to a State Department announcement tonight, Marshall notified the Soviet Foreign Minister, Molotov, of this in a message given to him today by the United States Embassy in Moscow.

Marshall accepted Molotov's assurances on the Korean situation and agreed to resume Soviet-American negotiations on May 20 aimed at the establishment of a unified provisional government for all Korea.

Marshall acknowledged Molotov's letter of May 7, in which it was confirmed that the United States and Russia had agreed on the basis on which the Commission would resume its work.

Marshall expresses pleasure that the Soviet Government had agreed to reconvening the Commission on the United States proposals, the most important of which was that the Commission should consult with all the democratic parties and organisations in Korea on the formation of a provisional Korean Government.—Reuter.

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War Memorial Fund Appeal To Be Made For Subscriptions

(Contributed)

Two years ago, when the darkest days of the war were giving way to visions of dawn, our hearts were overwhelmed with the irrespressible urge to pour out thanks for our deliverance. Today, when the perils that engulfed us are past, our gratitude should be no less; the rising wave of prosperity that has blessed the Colony should give us a greater capacity to convey the full measure of our feelings; the passage of time has allowed of a greater maturity of judgment as to the most worthy and noble form in which our gratitude should be manifested to those who suffered and died that we might survive and triumph.

In looking round the contemporary scene in our thriving local life it seems probable merely to pay lip service without each one of us making the utmost sacrifice which his manhood and conscience dictate is memory of our glorious dead, who dying...

...made us rarer gifts than gold.

Three laid the world away; poised out the red Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be...

Of worth and joy, and that un-hoped seren...

That men call age; and those who would have been.

Their sons, they gave, their immortality."

Must their deeds die? Our pride in them cannot be expressed in rhetoric nor can our debt to them be paid by crystallising their memory in a moment of stone or of brass. Their deeds will only die if we forget the dream, the cause for which these our champions fought, suffered and died, if we the living, fail to continue in their influence and tradition the fight for the realisation of a better world.

The Objects

It is in this spirit that the Colony has decided not to erect a Cenotaph or other material monument in memory of those who died in the Second World War but to perpetuate their memory by the creation of a Fund to be maintained in perpetuity for the amelioration amongst the living, and the avoidance for posterity of the horrors and sufferings of war.

An Ordinance has recently been passed for the establishment and administration of a Hong Kong War Memorial Fund. It is intended that the Fund be maintained by voluntary contributions from the public to which the Legislative Council will be asked to contribute from the public revenue a sum proportionate to the public contributions of each preceding year.

The primary purpose is to establish in the Colony a Fund to assist, without distinction of class or nationality, the dependents of members of certain services which participated in the defence of the Colony where such members are the result of their service lost their lives or wholly incapacitated from earning their living, and to aid members of such services who survived and have been wholly or partially incapacitated from earning a living.

Wider Benefits

The benefit of the Fund is to be applied also to those who were subjected to torture during the enemy occupation and were incapacitated and for the benefit of dependents of such as well as of those who died or were executed by the enemy.

After ample provision has been made for the more immediate purposes it is hoped to extend the application of the Fund to wider benefactions in the present and the future, to establish and endow and maintain hospitals and clinics for the sick, to provide relief for the indigent, aged and infirm and scholarships here and in the United Kingdom with educational, civic and social amenities for the youth of today and of the future, and generally to build up a society which is worthy of those who helped to preserve it by their suffering and sacrifice.

Appeal To Public

To ensure continuity, the Fund is to be administered by a Corporate Committee who will, subject only to disallowance by the Governor, have freedom to make their own regulations for the better achievement of the objects of

Students Storm Ministry

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them are the bones of the slaves!"

They shouted slogans demanding an increase of living allowance and supporting the petitions made by the Central University professors for educational improvement.—Reuter.

Shanghai Strike

Shanghai, May 15. While the labour front continues quiet today, the strike among students spread to three universities with some 6,000 students staying away from classes in support of their demands for reforms in the examination system and increased government subsidies to schools.

The institutions affected by the walkouts are the state-owned National Chiaotung University, the American Baptist-supported University of Shanghai and the National Shanghai McGraw College.

Local authorities today professed themselves completely puzzled by the strike of the Chiaotung University students, whose demands, including the continuation of the marine, building and navigation courses on the school's curriculum, an increase in the teaching staff and increased government subsidies had all been met, they said.

There are the same students who on Tuesday night commandeered a 27-coach train here and drove in the direction of Nanking where they intended to present their demands to the Minister of Education.

However, they were halted at Chenzhu station, about 13 miles west of Shanghai, by torn up rails and they eventually returned to their school after the acceptance of all their demands by the authorities.—Reuter.

Anglo-Soviet Relations

London, May 14. Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin said on Tuesday that Anglo-Soviet friendship would be strengthened "despite any intrigues of the reactionary forces who attempt to undermine this friendship."

Zarubin spoke at a public ceremony in the Soviet Embassy, after receiving a £15,000 cheque from the wartime Joint Committee for Soviet Aid.

The presentation, the last planned before the committee

The Great Panjandrum

Shanghai, May 15. Major K. C. Wu, who is busily trying to corral demonstrating students, missed a man calling at his office who left a card bearing the title "World Leader and concurrently Commander-in-Chief of the world's naval, land and air forces, God, I am King of all nations, flags of all armed forces in the world, national flag, party flag and school flag of the Whampoa Military Academy; inventor of rail communications and electric lights in practice; graduate of the infantry course of the 15th commencement of the Central Military Academy."

Also printed on the card was "Introduced by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Madame Sun Yat-sen, President Roosevelt, President Ling Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek". The man's name was Wang Ching-kang or the Chatodum of the Yellow Gold.—United Press.

Buffs Celebrate Albuhera

Today, the 2nd Battalion The Buffs will celebrate their regimental day, Albuhera Day.

It was on the battlefield of Albuhera in the bitter fighting against the French in the Peninsular War that the Colours of the regiment were saved by the action of an officer who, although severely wounded, wrapped them about his body and so kept them from capture by the enemy.

Today the Buffs will keep the anniversary with a battalion Athletic Meeting at Caroline Hill. Events will include throwing the discus, tug o' war, relay races, high jump, throwing the javelin, and other items.

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The fire, which had raged through the gutted ruins and rubble of the building since 6.45 p.m., was brought under control at 10 p.m. and put out shortly afterwards when rain began to fall.

Big Toll In Film Studio Fire

Rome, May 14. Firemen and first aid crews recovered 20 charred bodies from the explosion-wrecked and fire-gutted Minerva Film Company by 10.45 tonight and said it was feared a "small number of victims" still remained in the debris.

The known death toll was brought to 25 by the recovery of a group of 12 blasted and burned bodies from a fourth-floor section which had been a filing room for inflammable cellulose movie films.

From the bits of carbonized clothing, it is believed the victims comprised equal numbers of men and women.

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